CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1   1.   A method for reporting on network analysis, comprising:

2   (a)   collecting network traffic information utilizing a plurality of agents installed in

3   computers distributed among a plurality of zones;

4   (b)   receiving the network traffic information collected from the agents associated

5   with each zone at a separate controller; and

6   (c)   transmitting a report on the network traffic information from the controller to a

7   computer coupled thereto via a network.

1   2.   The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the report is capable of being

2   displayed on the computer utilizing a network browser.

1   3.   The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the network includes the Internet.

1   4.   The method as recited in claim 1, and further comprising receiving a request at

2   one of the controllers for a report on the network traffic information

3   corresponding to the zone associated with the controller.

1   5.   The method as recited in claim 4, wherein the report is transmitted in response to

2   the request.

1   6.   The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the report includes a network analyzer

2   report.

1 7.   The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the report includes a plurality of

2   objects.

1 8.   The method as recited in claim 7, wherein the objects are in a tree

2   representation.

1 9.   A computer program product for reporting on network analysis, comprising:

2 (a)   computer code for collecting network traffic information utilizing a plurality of

3   agents installed in computers distributed among a plurality of zones;

4 (b)   computer code for receiving the network traffic information collected from the

5   agents associated with each zone at a separate controller; and

6 (c)   computer code for transmitting a report on the network traffic information from

7   the controller to a computer coupled thereto via a network.

1 10.   The computer program product as recited in claim 9, wherein the report is

2   capable of being displayed on the computer utilizing a network browser.

1 11.   The computer program product as recited in claim 9, wherein the network

2   includes the Internet.

1 12.   The computer program product as recited in claim 9, and further comprising

2   receiving a request at one of the controllers for a report on the network traffic

3   information corresponding to the zone associated with the controller.

1 13.   The computer program product as recited in claim 12, wherein the report is

2   transmitted in response to the request.

1   14.   The computer program product as recited in claim 9, wherein the report includes
2   a network analyzer report.

1   15.   The computer program product as recited in claim 9, wherein the report includes
2   a plurality of objects.

1   16.   The computer program product as recited in claim 15, wherein the objects are in
2   a tree representation.

1   17.   A system for reporting on network analysis, comprising:
2   (a)   logic for collecting network traffic information utilizing a plurality of agents
3   installed in computers distributed among a plurality of zones;
4   (b)   logic for receiving the network traffic information collected from the agents
5   associated with each zone at a separate controller; and
6   (c)   logic for transmitting a report on the network traffic information from the
7   controller to a computer coupled thereto via a network.

1   18.   The system as recited in claim 17, wherein the report is capable of being
2   displayed on the computer utilizing a network browser.

1   19.   The system as recited in claim 17, wherein the network includes the Internet.

1   20.   The system as recited in claim 17, and further comprising receiving a request at
2   one of the controllers for a report on the network traffic information
3   corresponding to the zone associated with the controller.

1   21.   The system as recited in claim 20, wherein the report is transmitted in response
2   to the request.

1   22.   The system as recited in claim 17, wherein the report includes a network

2   analyzer report.

1   23.   The system as recited in claim 17, wherein the report includes a plurality of

2   objects.

1   24.   The system as recited in claim 23, wherein the objects are in a tree

2   representation.

1   25.   A method for reporting on network analysis, comprising:

2   (a)   collecting network traffic information utilizing a plurality of agents installed in

3   computers distributed among a plurality of zones;

4   (b)   receiving the network traffic information collected from the agents associated

5   with each zone at a separate controller;

6   (c)   receiving a request at one of the controllers for a report on the network traffic

7   information corresponding to the zone associated with the controller; and

8   (d)   transmitting the report from the controller to a computer coupled thereto via a

9   network;

10   (e)   wherein the report is capable of being displayed on the computer utilizing a

11   network browser.